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MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c).

Inventor(s): MASUNAGA, Akinobu; HOTTA, Kazuhito

For: SEALING STRUCTURE IN DIRECT ACTING TYPE AUTO-BY

STARTER

Enclosed are:

\boxtimes	A specification consisting of Twenty-Four (24) pages						
\boxtimes	Six (6) sheet(s) of formal drawings						
	Applicant does not claim priority						
\boxtimes	Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). 2002-197825 filed in JAPAN on July 5, 2002. Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto. Certified copy(ies) will follow.						

	Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:						
	a. This nonprovisional application claims priori under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) on Patent Application No(s filed in on , which is(are) here incorporated by reference						
	bThis nonprovisional application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) on U.S. Provisional Application No(s). filed on , which is(are) herein incorporated by reference						
\boxtimes	Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow						
	Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27						
	Preliminary Amendment						
	Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76						
	Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)						
	Other:						
	Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee						
	Non-publication Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i)						

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- The application transmitted herewith is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c). The undersigned has been authorized by the inventor(s) to file the present application. The original duly executed declaration together with the surcharge will be forwarded in due course.
- A check in the amount of \$768.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
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Respectfully submitted,

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